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Sir:

Applicants respond to the office action mailed June 26, 2008 and petition for a **three-month** extension of time in which to file a response. The office action erroneously indicated a shortened statutory period of 1 month. The period should have been 3 months, because the June 26, 2008 paper was an action on the merits (see M.P.E.P. § 710.02(b)), making the nominal deadline September 26, 2008. Nevertheless, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, ref. IQA-009.01.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.